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Operational/CALL

CANLET and ZIPPER

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1. For your information, the CANLET report on a meeting -- LNP leaders with Semenov has not only appeared in exact copy as a report but has also appeared in extract form as EKK-1482. There is little doubt that the ZIPPER report is based on the same piece that CANLET turned in.

2. If this material is a Communist Deception attempt, and its excellent wide dissemination so far raises this possibility, it certainly is nicely tailored to fulfill the wishful thinking of West Germans and/or Americans. This lovely tapestry of a potential and imminent "schwarz-rot-goldene" bourgeois party-led East German government is being woven by many, the 15 July Spiegel being a notable example.

3. Is this formulation too strong, or is there a simpler and less dire explanation? Can you shed any light on this neat problem?

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